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Information today as to the location

of the advanced cavalry movements,

and no reports supplied additional in-

formation concerning the whereabouts

of Villa or the state of his health.

In the absence of definite information,

General Funston was not yet inclined

to believe the report that he was

dead. The report reached here while

General Funston and his officers at

El Paso were in the midst of negotia-

tions to begin the shipping of supplies

over the Mexican Central and its re-

ceipt did not alter these negotiations

nor any of the work connected with

the routine of the campaign. It has

not been made the subject of a com-

munication to General Pershing nor

has General Pershing mentioned it in

any report.

There was apparent today a skepticism

among army officers as to the

uninterrupted movement of freight

over the Mexican Central to Chihuahua,

and its subsequent transfer to

points on the Northwestern near the

line of communication. The opinion

that the local authorities in Chihuahua

would be called to account for

permitting it was expressed. American

officers explained that with Gen-

eral Pershing's advanced forces 400

miles from their point of entry, the

receipt of supplies at an intermediate

point would make similar the distribu-

tion of foodstuffs both for men and

animals, but that it would not enable

him to draw more men to the ad-

vance. If it is desired that he con-

BERLIN ADMITS TORPEDOING SHIP WITHOUT GIVING LEAST WARNING

Incident Occurred on Date and
Near Point Where Sussex
Tragedy Took Place; Vessel
Torn in Similar Way.

COMMANDER THOUGHT IT ENGLISH WARCRRAFT

Sketch Made by Officer Not
Like Photograph of Channel
Steamer, Therefore Teutons
Are Guiltless.

BY MORNING JOURNAL SPECIAL LEADER WIRE

Berlin, April 12 (3 p. m., via Lon-

don, April 13, 12:45 a. m.)—Ger-

many's reply to the inquiries of the

American government regarding the

steamer Sussex, Manchester Engi-

neer, Englishman, Berwindale and

Eagle Point, signed by Gullikson

Jagow, the German minister of for-

eign affairs, has been forwarded to

Washington by Ambassador Gerard.

The note denies that the Sussex

was attacked by a German submarine.

The investigation covering the

Sussex case, says the note, was ex-

tended to all actions undertaken on

March 24—the day of the Sussex in-

cident—in the channel between

Folkestone and Dieppe. One steam-

er was sunk, the commander of the

German submarine reporting the de-

finitive conclusion that it was a war

vessel. A sketch of this vessel, together

with photographic reproductions of a

picture of the Sussex printed in the

London Daily Graphic, were enclosed

with the note, the difference in the

two craft being indicated.

The steamers Englishman and

Eagle Point were sunk by German

submarines after they had attempted

to escape and time was allowed for

the withdrawal of those aboard.

The steamer Berwindale was pos-

sibly sunk by a German submarine,

while definite details with respect to

the Manchester Engineer are lacking

and, therefore, there has been no suf-

ficient basis for investigation of this

particular case.

Text of German Note.

The following is the text of the

German note on the Sussex, dated

April 10:

"The undersigned has the honor to

inform your excellency, Ambassador

Gerard, in response to communications

of the 29th and 30th ultimo, and the

third instant, regarding the steamers

Sussex, Manchester Engineer,

Englishman, Berwindale and

Eagle Point that the mentioned cases,

well, not a heavy sea," as stated in

the given description, prevailed. The

boats therefore had every prospect of

being picked up very quickly because

the place of the sinking lay on a

much used steamer path.

"If the crew of the steamer used

only two small boats for saving them-

selves the responsibility falls upon

themselves since there were still upon

the steamer, as the submarine could

establish, at least four big collapsible

boats.

The Sussex Tragedy.

"Fifth. The French steamer Sus-

ssex. Ascertained of the fact whether

the channel steamer Sussex was

rendered extremely difficult because

no exact details of time, place, and

attendant circumstances of the sink-

ing were known and also because it

was impossible to obtain a picture of

the ship before April 6. Consequently,

the investigation had to be ex-

tended to all actions undertaken on

the day in question—March 24—in

the channel in the general region be-

tween Folkestone and Dieppe.

"In this region on March 24 a long,

black craft without a flag, having a

gray funnel, small gray forward

works and two high masts, was en-

countered about middle of the Eng-

lish channel by a German submarine.

The commander reached the definite

conclusion that it was a war vessel,

and, indeed, a mine layer of the re-

cently built English Arabic class. He

was led to this conviction by the fol-

lowing facts:

Basis for Opinion.

"First, by the plain, unbroken deck

of the ship; second, the form of the

work, sloping downwards, and, look-

ing like a war vessel; third, she was

painted like a war vessel; fourth, the

high speed developed, about 18 knots;

fifth, the circumstance that the ves-

sel did not keep a course northward

of the light towers between Dungeness

and Beachhead, which, according to

the frequent and unvarying observa-

tions of German submarines, is about

the course of commercial vessels, but

kept in the middle of the channel, on

a course about in the direction of La

Havre.

"Consequently he attacked the ves-

sel at 3.55 in the afternoon, middle

European time, one and one-half

hours east of Folkestone (railway

bank, the submarine being sub-

merged. The torpedo struck and

caused such a violent explosion in

the forward part of the ship that the

entire forward part was torn away to

UNPRECEDENTED CARNAGE GOES ON AT VERDUN

Germans Rain Bombs Filled
With Poison Gas on French
Lines and Trench Assaults
Are Hurdled Back.

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Paris, April 12.—While bringing up

reinforcements to resume their at-

tack on Le Mort Homme, the hill of

the dead man, the Germans are trying

to recover the ground regained by the

French in Callette woods and to the

north between Douaumont and Vaux.

The French positions there describe

an arc from a point south of the fort

of Douaumont to the center of the

village of Vaux and the front line is

little less than two miles in length.

For three days the only actions on

the east bank of the Meuse have been

centered there with the habitual pre-

paration in heavily concentrated ar-

tillery fire, with a final dash of

heavy shelling and gas projectiles.

After a bombardment with high ex-

plosives lasting eight hours and the

use of gas for another hour or two,

the Germans would attack simultane-

ously on the flanks. There was no

visible diminution in their courage

and order, neither did the French

show the slightest fatigue and the

consequence is that the unprecedented

carnage of the battle of Verdun

goes on.

Yesterday the whole front, beaten

by gas projectiles, was overtopped by

yellowish cloud of chlorine vapor

which seemed to be suspended from

the sky. When the cloud lifted the

Germans bounded forward seemingly

indifferent to the thick death dealing

curtain of fire from the French ar-

tillery. Some of them got through

it but only to find that the French

had abandoned the first line trenches

to allow the gas cloud to dissipate.

Germans reinforcements were sent

up to fortify the trenches, but before

they reached the line the French

came back with an irresistible counter

attack and in a few minutes drove

out the Germans from the few points

where they had penetrated the

trenches.

ASSAULT WEST OF THE

MEUSE IS PROCEEDING

Paris, April 12.—The German as-

sault on the Verdun front west of the

Meuse was renewed this morning.

Troops advanced on Callette wood,

south of Camille, the war office an-

nounced, using flame projectors, but

were repulsed.

East of the Meuse in the Dou-

mont-Vaux sector there was only ar-

tillery fighting.

The war office says it has been

confirmed that the German losses

yesterday were very heavy.

The text of the statement follows:

"On the left bank of the Meuse,

the Germans this morning delivered

an attack on our positions at the

Callette wood between La Mort

Homme and Camille, in which they

made use of flaming liquids. They

were everywhere repulsed.

"On the right bank of the river

there has been great artillery ac-

tivity between Douaumont and Vaux.

"It has been confirmed that the

violent offensive action yesterday af-

ternoon at 4 o'clock in this sector was

repulsed by us and cost the enemy

heavy losses.

"The night passed relatively quiet

on the remainder of the front."

VIOLENT FIGHTING

REPORTED IN BALKANS

Paris, April 12 (10:50 a. m.)—Re-

sumption of violent cannonading

along the Greek frontier near Glev-

ghel and Doiran is reported in a

dispatch from Saloniki to the Jour-